

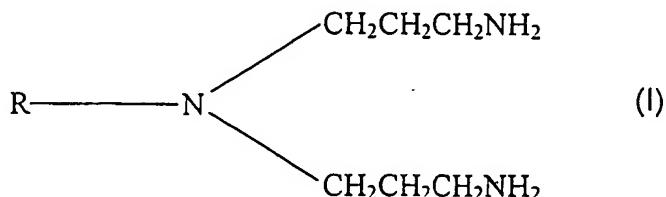
Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A curable composition comprising

- a) an epoxy resin having on average more than one epoxide group per molecule and
~~at least one member selected from the group consisting of~~
- ~~b1) an alkyldipropylenetriamine of the general formula I and~~
- ~~b2)~~
- b) an adduct of an alkyldipropylenetriamine of the general formula (I) with an epoxide compound having on average at least one epoxide group per molecule,



in which R is a hydrocarbon radical having 8 to 22 carbon atoms.

Claim 2 (currently amended): A curable composition according to claim 1, further optionally comprising one or more members modifiers selected from the group consisting of diluents, other amine components and other customary auxiliaries and additives.

Claim 3 (currently amended): A curable composition according to claim 1, wherein the adduct b) is a mixture of said adducts characterized by hydrocarbon radicals "R" that are

~~different in terms of chain length, degree of branching or bond order composition is derived from compounds of the formula (I) with different hydrocarbon radicals R.~~

Claim 4 (previously presented): A curable composition according to claim 1, wherein component a) is a bisphenol A diglycidyl ether or bisphenol F diglycidyl ether.

Claim 5 (currently amended): A curable composition according to claim 1, wherein the epoxide compound of component b) is a bisphenol A diglycidyl ether, bisphenol F diglycidyl ether, cresyl glycidyl ether or fatty alcohol glycidyl ether.

Claim 6 (previously presented): A cured composition comprising a composition according to claim 1.

Claim 7 (canceled).

Claim 8 (previously presented): A curable composition according to claim 1, wherein R is a hydrocarbon radical having 10 to 20 carbon atoms.

Claim 9 (new): A curable composition according to claim 1, wherein the adduct b) is formed from 0.1 to 1 mole of the epoxide compound of b) per mole of the amine compound of b), so that on average there are more than two free amine hydrogens in the adduct.

Claim 10(new): The curable composition according to claim 2, wherein element b) is adjusted with any modifiers to a preferred mixing ratio of 50-100 parts by weight of hardener per 100 grams of epoxy resin a).

Claim 11 (new): The curable composition of claim 2, wherein the ratio of reactive groups in the adduct b), plus any additional amine modifiers, and the reactive groups in the epoxide compounds in the composition is established at equivalence.

Claim 12 (new): The curable composition of claim 2, wherein the fraction of the adduct b) in the total curing agent (adduct plus any additional amine modifiers) is between 10 and 70%.

Claim 13 (new): The curable composition of claim 2, wherein the fraction of the adduct b) in the total curing agent (adduct plus any additional amine modifiers) is between 20 and 50%.

Claim 14 (new): A process for coating a mineral and/or metallic substrate comprising the step of applying a curable composition according to claim 1 to the substrate.

Claim 15 (new): The process of claim 14, comprising the additional subsequent step of curing said composition by heating at moderately elevated temperatures.